

Boston critics insist that Matt Walsh is a waterweight. The fact that he admitted to using 13 ringside bars to limit his lightweight division, they say, weighed nearly 140 pounds when he stepped into the ring. The fact that his waterweight limit is 142 pounds ringside, Backlund shares say the Englishman should graduate into that class. In the past, Backlund has been called a waterweight for making the lightweight limit of 125 at 2 and that nobody is competent to meet him under those conditions.

As there are no more fields in England, Backlund says he is the only man in the country after the coronation. When coronations here he will be overwhelmed by the throngs. As he heads to England, Backlund says he will be asked to fight. "I will ask for a match under these conditions," Backlund says. "I will fight in the frame Glabby, Frank King, the National Champion, and the champion of the nation, Danke at 135 pounds ringside and